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As a supporter of Microsoft, I write you with concern regarding the recent settlement. After three long years of court battles, it seems strange that the settlement is again being challenged. The negotiation of this agreement was not only well thought out, but was in the interest of the Information Technology sector as a whole.

After examining this agreement, it seems evident that all parties involved will benefit from its terms. Not only does Microsoft agree to reconfigure licensing and marketing terms, but also they have agreed to disclose information about certain internal interfaces in Windows. Overall, the agreement is helping to open up the competitive market in our technological industry, which has been the goal from the start. The provisions of the agreement are tough, reasonable, fair to all parties involved, and go beyond the findings of the Court of Appeals ruling.

It seems foolish to waste our resources on dissecting such a well thought out plan. With all the time and effort put into this suit, it seems that it is time to let the technology industry get back to business. Our technology industry only suffers from the delay of this agreement. This delay can do nothing but have a negative effect on our economy.

Please help support further growth of our technology industry by helping to stop any further action taken against this settlement. I appreciate your time and your support.

Sincerely,

John Macko